- 7 means for removably fastening said accessory retainer
- 8 portion to said base portion proximate at least one common end;
- 9 said accessory portion having an outer side and a common
- 10 side with said base portion, said base portion having an inner
- 11 side; and
- 12 means for removably attaching said base portion to an
- 13 article of clothing or other thin-edged material proximate said
- 14 first and second ends, respectively, without said utility carrier
- 15 forming a loop around the user or fastening to itself at said
- 16 first and second ends-;
- wherein said accessory retainer portion able to be
- 18 unfastened for mounting accessories thereon, and;
- wherein said accessory retainer portion able to be fastened
- 20 for retaining said accessories thereon-;
- 21 \_\_\_\_wherein said base portion and said accessory retainer
- 22 portion are able to assume variable curvature in a fully mated
- 23 configuration; and
- 24 \_\_\_\_\_wherein the said base portion does not overlap the end of
- 25 said accessory retainer portion when in a mated configuration.
  - 1 2. The utility carrier of claim 1, wherein a hinge serves
  - 2 to permanently connect said accessory retainer portion and said
  - 3 base portion at a <u>firstone</u> common end.
  - 1 3. The utility carrier of claim 1, wherein said means for
  - 2 removably attaching said accessory retainer portion to said base
  - 3 portion is a snap having a head and a receiver.

- 1 4. The utility carrier of claim 1, wherein said means for
- 2 removably attaching said accessory retainer portion to said base
- 3 portion is hook and loop fastener or other similar part and
- 4 counterpart fastening structure which forms a removable bond when
- 5 mated.
- 5. The utility carrier of claim 4, wherein said hook and
- 2 loop <del>or other similar part and counterpart</del>-fastener extends along
- 3 most or all of thea length of the common sides of said retainer
- 4 portion and said base portion, and;
- 5 wherein—said part and said counterpart of fastener are
- 6 permanently attached to said accessory retainer portion and said
- 7 base portion, respectively.
- 1 6. The utility carrier of claim 3, wherein said accessory
- 2 retainer portion incorporates on at least one end a lengthwise
- 3 oriented multiple station mechanism for the purpose of adjusting
- 4 the curvature of said base portion and said retainer portion
- 5 while mated at both ends.
- 7. The utility carrier of claim 1, wherein said means
- 2 for removably attaching said base portion to a suitable
- 3 material edge consists of <del>a clip or clamp</del>clips located
- 4 proximate each end of said base portion and attached to said
- 5 inner side thereof so oriented as to be attachable to said
- 6 material edge.
  - 1-8. The utility carrier of claim 1, wherein both said accessory
  - 2<del>retainer portion and said base portion are sufficiently flexible so</del>

3as to bend together to conform to the waist of a user when mounted 4thereon.

- 9. A utility carrier, comprising:
- an accessory retainer <u>and</u> base <u>constructed of a single</u>
- 3 piece of material comprising a single functional unit,
- 4 referred to here as a retainer-base, having a first end and
- 5 a second end and an inner side and an outer side; and
- 6 <u>a clip or clamp</u> said retainer-base being flexible
- 7 enough to accommodate both straight and curved
- 8 configurations;
- 9 said retainer-base not configured to form a closed loop
- 10 whereby said first and said second ends come into contact
- 11 with or overlap each other; and
- 12 <u>clips</u>located proximate each of said first and said
- 13 second ends of said retainer-base and attached to said inner
- 14 side of said accessory retainer-base. Said;
- 15 <u>said</u> clips<del>or clamps</del> form a means for removably
- 16 attaching said retainer-base portion to an article of
- 17 clothing or other thin-edged material proximate said first
- 18 and said second ends, respectively, without said utility
- 19 carrier forming a loop around the user or fastening to
- 20 itself at said first and second ends.
  - 1 10. The utility carrier of claim 9, wherein at least
- ·2 one of said clips, or clamps, when in a closed
  - 3 configuration, exhibits a profile sufficiently smalllow as

- 4 to allow the loop structure of belt-wearable accessories to
- 5 pass over said clip or clamp before that clip is attached to
- 6 a material edge. Such a small (compressed);
- 7 <u>said low</u> profile allows accessories with a loop
- 8 structure to be installed by passing their loop structure
- 9 over the clip or clamp onto said accessory retainer-base on
- 10 which accessories remain during normal use of the utility
- 11 carrier (i.e., clipped or clamped at both ends to a material
- 12 edge); and
- 13 said accessories are removed by reversing the
- 14 installation procedure.
  - 1 11. The utility carrier of claim 9, wherein said clips
  - 2 or clamps are removably attached to said accessory retainer-
  - 3 base, such that removal of one of the clips or clamps allows
  - 4 for mounting on or removal of said accessories from said
  - 5 retainer-base.
  - 1 12. The utility carrier of claim 9, wherein least one
  - 2 clip or clamp is removably attached to the retainer-base by
  - 3 a snap, whereby said clip or clamp is detached for mounting
  - 4 or removal of accessories and attached for mounting on an
  - 5 article of clothing
  - 1 13. The utility carrier of claim 9, having at least
  - 2 one clip or clamp rotatable in a plane parallel to the plane
  - 3 of the inner flat surface of the relative to said accessory
- ·4 retainer-base so as to allow alignment with said accessory
- 5 retainer-base during mounting or removal of said accessories

- 6 and to allow rotation to a position normal to said accessory
- 7 retainer-base for mounting to an article of clothing.
- 1 More explicitly, said clip or clamp may rotate in a plane
- 2 parallel to the plane of the inner flat surface of the
- 3 retainer-base.
- The utility carrier of claim 9, having a clamp 14. 4 comprised of a clamping body having two legs joined at an 5 apex, a groove in each said leg opening at said apex, and a 6 slider having a first leg, a second leg, and an apex, said 7 leg having a centrally located slider's second 8 extending lengthwise of said second leg, said clamping body 9 having mounting means attached in said groove and within 10 said slot of said slider's second leg, whereby said slider 11 is movable to an open clamp position when said apexes are 12 spaced, and a closed clamp position when said apexes are 13 14 adjacent.
  - 1 15. The utility carrier of claim 14, wherein said 2 mounting means is a swivel and said accessory retainer-base 3 has an aperture therein for receiving said clamp swivel. 4 Rotation, and rotation of clamp via said swivel is in a 5 plane parallel to the plane of the rear flat surface of said 6 retainer-base.
- 16. The utility carrier of claim 14, wherein said
- 2 mounting means is a snap head and said accessory retainer-

- base has a snap receiver mounted on the inside thereof for
- removably attaching said clamp swivel.

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